

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on February 7, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 144, 2/2/2007; SB 93, 2/2/2007;  
SB 312, 2/2/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 144**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:07 **REP. ARLENE BECKER (D)**, HD 52, opened the hearing on **HB 144**, Clarify waste management laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:41 Rick Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:12 Roy Kemp, DEQ

00:11:36 Mark Cadwallader, Attorney, Department of Labor and Industry

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:27 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Becker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:11 Rep. Becker closed on the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 93**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:57 **SEN. GERALD PEASE (D)**, SD 21, opened the hearing on **SB 93**, Revise and fund service area authorities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:19:43 Sen. John Esp, SD 31, Big Timber

00:20:15 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:22:12 Tracy Velasquez, Montana Mental Health Association

00:24:53 Mary Prothero, Helena

00:27:14 Anita Rossman, Montana Advocacy Program, SAA Board

00:29:00 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic, Montana Children's  
Initiative Provider Association MCI

00:30:32 Tom Paluso, Central Service Area Authority

**EXHIBIT (phs27a01)**

00:35:43 Kurt Chisholm, Montana Chapter of National Association  
of Mental Illness (NAMI)

00:36:38 Bob Ross, South Central Montana Mental Health Center

00:37:31 Kathy McGowan, Montana Community Mental Health Centers

00:37:56 Anita Rossman for Tom Bartlett, Chairman Western  
Service Area Authority

**EXHIBIT (phs27a02)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:38:59 Lou Thompson, Mental and Addictive Disorder Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:26 Sen. Pease closed on the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 312**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:48 **SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT** opened the hearing for **SEN. GREG  
LIND (D)**, **SD 50**, on **SB 312**, Restricting certain  
credentialing in exchange for medical privileges.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:08 Dr. Kurt Kubicka, Montana Medical Association

**EXHIBIT (phs27a03)**

00:48:38 Dr. Jim Elliott, Billings Physician Alliance,  
Orthopaedic Society

00:52:46 Dr. David Chamberlain, Butte

**EXHIBIT (phs27a04)**

00:57:31 Dr. Mike Driscoll, Butte

00:58:35 Dr. Pete Hanson, Helena

00:59:07 Rob Gagnon, Yellowstone Surgery Center, MASC, Billings

01:00:22 Rep. Scott Mendenhall, HD 77, representing himself

01:04:29 Yvette Worman, Helena Sleep Diagnostics

01:06:31 Debby Thorpe, Helena Medical Laboratory

01:07:32 Chris Monroe, Nurse Practitioner, Butte

01:10:12 Dr. Pete Sorini, Neurosurgeon, Butte

01:11:37 Jack Avery, MRI Center

**EXHIBIT (phs27a05)**

01:12:56 Dr. Keith Popovich, Internist, Butte

01:14:16 Dr. Ken Hunt, Family Practitioner, Butte

01:17:12 Dr. Ralph Costanzo, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Billings

01:18:25 Dr. John Pullman, Internist, Butte

**EXHIBIT (phs27a06)**

01:18:56 Dr. Timothy Rue, Great Falls Clinic

01:20:00 Dr. B.E. Wynea

01:22:26 Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic

**EXHIBIT (phs27a07)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:30:45 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

01:33:28 Dr. Brett Kronenberg, Butte

01:35:05 Dr. Sharon Hecker, Cardiologist, Butte  
01:40:02 James Kaiser, President and CEO, St. James Healthcare,  
Butte  
01:42:36 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals  
01:46:06 Dr. Keith Lara, Emergency Physician, Kalispell  
01:49:52 Jim Oliverson, Hospital Administrator, Kalispell  
Regional Hospital  
01:52:00 John Solheim, CEO, St. Peters Hospital  
01:54:25 Rick Hayes, Board of Directors, St. Peters Hospital  
01:57:02 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

**EXHIBIT (phs27a08)**

**Informational Testimony:**

02:07:55 Amy Astin, Benefis Healthcare

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:09:04 Sen. Esp to Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals  
02:10:50 Sen. Esp to Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association  
02:15:58 Sen. Esp to Sen. Lind  
02:18:06 Sen. Gillan to Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic  
02:24:39 Sen. Gillan to Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association  
02:25:11 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Scott Mendenhall  
02:26:31 Sen. Gillan to Dr. Jim Elliott, Billings Physician  
Alliance  
02:27:54 Sen. Weinberg to Jim Oliverson, Hospital Administrator,  
Kalispell Regional Hospital  
02:33:25 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Greg Lind  
02:36:04 Sen. Esp to James Kaiser, President and CEO, St. James  
Healthcare, Butte

02:40:20 Sen. O'Neil to Dr. Jim Elliott, Billings Physician  
Alliance

02:42:12 Sen. O'Neil to Jim Oliverson, Hospital Administrator,  
Kalispell Regional Hospital

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:43:15 Sen. Lind closed on the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:02 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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